

Table 4. Selected National Average Natural Gas Prices, 1995-2001

(Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Wellhead Price ^a	City Gate Price	Delivered to Consumers					Electric Utilities Price
			Residential Price	Commercial		Industrial		
				Price	% of Total ^b	Price	% of Total ^b	
1995 Annual Average	1.55	2.78	6.06	5.05	76.7	2.71	24.5	2.02
1996 Annual Average	2.17	3.34	6.34	5.40	77.6	3.42	19.4	2.69
1997 Annual Average	2.32	3.66	6.94	5.80	70.8	3.59	18.1	2.78
1998 Annual Average	1.94	3.07	6.82	5.48	67.0	3.14	16.1	2.40
1999								
January	1.84	2.87	6.00	5.19	73.1	3.29	16.9	2.32
February	1.75	2.93	6.29	5.28	69.7	2.92	16.8	2.26
March	1.68	2.69	6.06	4.97	69.3	2.95	17.4	2.15
April	1.86	2.94	6.44	5.32	65.4	3.00	16.6	2.29
May	2.16	3.41	7.30	5.34	61.1	2.86	16.0	2.57
June	2.12	3.28	8.20	5.29	61.1	2.81	15.8	2.53
July	2.18	3.23	8.83	5.44	58.2	2.86	15.7	2.58
August	2.49	3.53	9.14	5.46	56.6	2.99	18.8	2.86
September	2.61	3.72	8.63	5.55	60.0	3.41	17.5	2.98
October	2.50	3.31	7.56	5.46	61.7	3.20	17.5	2.83
November	2.67	3.76	7.15	5.72	63.0	3.51	17.7	3.01
December	2.20	3.24	6.51	5.56	67.6	3.05	21.3	2.68
Annual Average	2.17	3.16	6.69	5.33	66.2	3.10	18.8	2.62
2000								
January	^E 2.12	3.31	^R 6.31	5.49	^R 66.6	^R 3.46	^R 17.0	2.74
February	^E 2.30	3.48	^R 6.53	^R 5.63	^R 67.7	^R 3.70	^R 16.6	2.95
March	^E 2.36	3.53	^R 6.89	^R 5.33	^R 63.8	^R 3.54	^R 15.8	2.99
April	^E 2.55	3.70	^R 7.09	^R 5.59	^R 63.6	^R 3.64	15.4	3.22
May	^E 2.90	^R 4.12	^R 7.99	^R 5.36	^R 62.6	3.74	14.5	3.61
June	^E 3.73	5.13	^R 9.24	^R 5.84	^R 59.8	^R 4.30	^R 15.3	4.46
July	^E 3.70	5.11	^R 10.08	^R 5.88	^R 57.0	^R 4.43	^R 15.8	4.36
August	^E 3.67	^R 4.61	^R 10.28	^R 5.96	^R 56.5	4.22	15.1	4.30
September	^E 4.26	5.71	^R 9.93	^R 7.01	^R 58.9	^R 4.83	13.5	4.90
October	^E 4.61	5.99	9.25	^R 6.76	^R 63.6	^R 5.24	12.3	5.21
November	^E 4.62	5.40	8.59	6.99	65.9	5.27	18.5	NA
December	^E 6.35	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Annual Average	^E 3.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2001								
January	^E 8.06	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2001 YTD ^c								
2001 YTD ^c	^E 8.06	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2000 YTD ^c	^E 2.12	4.33	7.51	5.87	63.7	4.20	15.5	4.00
1999 YTD ^c	1.84	3.14	6.72	5.30	65.9	3.09	17.0	2.59

^a See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 8, for discussion of wellhead prices.

^b Percentage of total deliveries represented by onsystem sales, see Figure 6. See Table 25 for breakdown by State.

^c Year-to-date price represents months for which price information is available in the current year. The wellhead year-to-date price is 2 months ahead of the city gate, residential, commercial, and industrial year-to-date prices. The electric utility year-to-date price is 1 month behind the city gate, residential, commercial, and industrial year-to-date prices.

^R Revised Data.

^E Estimated Data.

NA Not Available.

Notes: Data for 1994 through 1999 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. In 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use was classified as industrial use. In 1995 and earlier years, agricultural use was classified as commercial use. See Explanatory Note 5 for further explanation.

Sources: 1994-1999: Energy Information Administration (EIA) *Natural Gas Annual 1999*. January 2000 through current month: EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form FERC-423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants," and EIA estimates. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 8 for estimation procedures and revision policy.